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RELAXATION IN PROCUREMENT NORMS FOR RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the delayed and continued monsoon rains in some parts of the country has caused huge damage to paddy crop in some States;

(b) if so, whether the Government has relaxed the norms fixed for rice procurement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has provided any assistance/concession to the States to off-set the losses suffered;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): Due to delayed and continued rains in some parts of the country affecting the kharif crop, some of the State Governments have requested for relaxation in uniform specification norms for procurement of kharif foodgrains. On the request of the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh, the following relaxations in specifications of rice have been allowed for the Kharif Marketing Season 2005-06.

Punjab:-
The Maximum limit in respect of damaged/slightly damaged grains in rice allowed upto 3% in respect of raw rice both Grade A & Common as against the existing limit of 2%. In addition, rice having incidence of pin point damage to the extent of 1% above 3% damaged/slightly damaged grains has also been allowed to be accepted both for CMR and Levy rice. The out turn ratio for custom milled rice reduced to 66% and 67% against the existing limit of 67% and 68% for raw and parboiled rice respectively.

Haryana:-
The Maximum limit in respect of damaged/slightly damaged grains in rice allowed upto 3% in respect of raw rice both Grade A & Common as against the existing limit of 2% to ensure milling of paddy procured under relaxes specifications. In addition, rice having incidence of pin point damaged to the extent of 1% above 3% damaged/ slightly damaged grains also allowed to be accepted. The out turn ratio for custom milled rice reduced to 66% and 67% against the existing limit of 67% and 68% for raw and parboiled rice respectively.

Madhya Pradesh:-
The out turn ratio of raw rice obtained from the paddy procured under relaxed specifications reduced by 1% i.e. 66% against the existing limit of 67%.